THE BAZAAR BEGINS. ASSOCIATED HOSPITALS' FAIR SUCCESSFULLY INAUGURATED.

LARGE AND FASHIONABLE CROWD.

Superb Taste in Decorations-Some of the Features of the Exhibits-The Poverty Ball and Illusions-Arrangements for To-Day-Notes.

stances, and amid surroundings full of are: brightness and color, charity again drew Mother ing by contributing to five grand institutions of charity-sacred work and blessed legacy—which have been established in this city. What a divine good these five hospitals have accomplished, and con-

been seen in this city for a long time. The idea of brilliancy is always associated with social functions, where flowers and decorations are displayed with a lavish Mr. Price Here to Try and Find hand, but these, brilliant though they were, were simply adjuncts, making a very pretty background for the more essential features with which the occasion abounded. There was a blending of color and a lack of stiltedness that charmed, and a had but to join the assemblage for a few moments to feel that he was enjoy-

ing a pleasurable experience.

To enumerate the names of those present it would be necessary to run almost the gamut of Richmond's prominent citi-zens, but the noticeable fact was that they were members of almost every voca-tion in life. Lawyers, doctors, profes-sional men of every character, merchants, and business-men, mingled together. The diversity of dress brought out an exceed-tion pressity along these suits were nuingly pretty picture. Dress suits were nu-merous, but those less conventional were

DECORATION OF THE BOOTHS. The huge drill hall of the Armory has rarely taken on such a gay and festive appearance as it did last night. Illuminated with ten great are lights and in-numerable electric lamps, with stalls decorated in gaudy colors, and the walls partly covered with huge ensigns, the scene was positively radiant.

To the left as you enter the hall, and occupying an immense space, as the restaurant. Its frame is decidedly plain, but it looks as if it were constructed for business purposes only, and the timbers are somewhat appropriately draped with yellow hancipus.

yellow hangings.
Mr. Brannan's 'cyclo-cycle is the next feature one meets with in a ramble 'round the hall. It is the annex to the Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary, and an immensely popular feature, for it was kept going almost without intermission the who evening. The cost of a ride is only a cents, and each ride carries with it a chance on a bicycle. The Eye and Ear Infirmary booth is a very picture-sque structure. The stall is surmounted with two lofty minarets, from the summits of which wave the State ensign. perles, which are arranged with consummate taste, are of red and white, and an illuminated sign, bearing the legend "Eye and Ear," and lighted with electricity, runs across the top of the booth. The counters are crowded with the costliest art work, laces, bric-a-brac, lamps together with fancy and useful articles.

A handsome cut-glass bowl and ladle, presented by the Cohen Company, forms COMBDIC ycles and bicycle-lamps, and fittings and numberless toys, and a costly mando-lin. In connection with this booth is the ind. In connection with this booth is the prize Christmas-tree—a colossal specimen, effectively illuminated with colored electric lights, and hung all over with gilded walmuts, in one of which will be found a

OLD DOMINION BOOTH.

Next in line across the east end of the hall is the 🐼 Dominion Hospital booth. It was designed by Captain Dimmock, and carries out the idea of a Japanese pagoda. The roof is covered with representations of the sacred Dolphin, and the cross-pieces are decorated with painted two porcelain-lined bath tubs, and a water-meter are among the most con-spicuous features of the display. A facsimile of a hospital bed, with a nurse in regulation costumes, is to be voted to the most popular child, and a set of instru-ments to the most popular doctor. Miss Mary O'Donough, of New York, has sent which will be raffled off, as also will a sweet-singing canary. The annex is a Japanese tea garden, where, in quaint Japanese chairs, beneath the shade of : Japanese chars, beneath the shade of a number of Japanese lamps and a great umbrella, surrounded by walls of ever-greens, one may sit at peace and sip tea or chocolate served in pretty cups by dainty maidens.

FOR THE JUVENILES. The next point of observation is the Sheltering Arms annex, which is a delight to the juvenile eye. It is arranged for the special delectation of the children, and is loaded down with all manner of toys and a little mild excitement in the shape of a grab-bag and a fish-pond.

The Sheltering Arms' booth is a representation of a gala tent at a foreign fair.

The top is of yellow and red stripes; a broad band of blue bearing the name of AINS: the hospital surmounts a red and whit awning, supported by gold-topped poles standing out obliquely. The annex also represents a tent, and is covered with red and white material. The articles on sale include a great variety of beautiful articles of fancy work, together with a number of useful articles. For railling, there are sofa pillows, a set of silver spoons from Kirk, of Baltimore; a silk umbrella, suit of clothes, and a sliver

OTHER ATTRACTIVE BOOTHS. The largest booth in the bazaar is that of the Virginia Hospital. It is surmounted on the three sides with three fans. The draperies are white, with wreaths of holly upon it, and over all is the Virginia coat of arms. Every description of fancy work is on sale here, together with a full line of perfumes, extracts, and druggists' stores, with baking powder and other ar-

ticles of domestic use.

There are four booths under the auspices of the Retreat for the Sick-the checking-room, where coats and hats may be left; the smoking-room, the tobacco annex, and the fancy booth. The fancy department, with the tobacco annex, are decorated to represent Turkish bazaars, and the smoking parlor and check department are draped in pink and pale blue. The donations to this hospital have been exceedingly liberal, and embrace everything, from delicate fancy work to

At every booth the same story of gene-rous patronage was told, and the vacant places on the counters bore witness to the as Mr. Mayo is very popular among his fact.

IN THE AMUSEMENT HALL. Sanger Hall was fairly crowded with dancers, and the poverty ball was an unequivocal success. It was given under

the suspices of the Retreat for the Sick.
and was admirably managed. The hall
was tastefully decorated with evergreens,
and a refreshment stall weighted down
with all manner of good things occupied a
prominent position. Dancing was kept up
until the bazzar closed.

pital a remarkable and very interes centertainment was given in the galiery of the main hall, which had been curtained off for the occasion. Professor De Sylvis hatroduced two of his most startling illu sions. One of these illusions is of French origin, and is founded on the legend of the fight and is found to the found guilty of treason and decapitated, but whose head lived on after it had been severed from the body, and continued to occupy a place on the throne to which she would have succeeded. The other is a demon-

stration of hypnotic influence.

An X-ray machine in connection with
the Virginia Hospital booth also creates much interest

AMUSEMENTS TO-DAY. This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, under the The world outside the Armory was mantled in gloom last evening, the sky, party for children in Sanger Hall, and towas gray and dreary looking. Within was night "The Family Album" will be presented for the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Under exceptionally happy circumsented to introduce the characters, which

BrideMiss Marie Archer No more representative gathering has cen seen in this city for a long time. The

IN SEARCH OF AN HEIR.

Relatives of a Late Mr. Davis.

Mr. Andrew Price, of Pocahontas, W. Va., is in the city. Mr. Price comes to Richmond on a combined trip of business and pleasure. For pleasure he brings his bride on a visit to the relatives and many friends of his mother, who was herself a Richmond lady, and the business he is making out of his trip is to find some blood relative of J. W. Davis.

The little story and the mystery with which it is spiced makes it interesting to read, and still more if one happens to have the blood of the lamented Davis flowing in his veins.

More than a half century ago a gentle-man came to Richmond from the section of the State which is now West Virginia, driving before him a berd of cattle for merous, but those less conventional, and, many. There were sombre garments, and, the marked contrast, were the uniforms of the members of the First Regiment.

The regimental band played lively music. The regimental band played lively music with the handsome face of the child, and with the handsome face of the child, and the handsome had no children to during the evening, and there was a general stir and animation about the scene which betokened large success for the undertaking.

With the handsome face of the chief, and children to cheer his own home, he determined to adopt the boy. He was taken home, as carefully reared and trained as one could carefully reared and when a man he wish his own child, and when a man he proved a friend truly to be leaned upon to the man who had helped him in his need. His old friend died. He was his heir, and in coming years he prospered When almost an old man he married lady who did not survive him, and no child came to bless their wedded life Two years ago the man himself died, and left no will, but an estate valued at about

Early after his marriage Mr. Davis made a will leaving the entire property to his wife. But this last testament, at her death, was burned, and no other was made. So now the property goes first to any one, however distant the relation may be, who can prove a blood kinship to the deceased man. Should no success-ful claim arise, the estate will go to the rs of the dead wife.

Mr. Price will not leave the city until every effort has been made to trace the relatives of Mr. Davis. The records of the almshouse will be diligently searched, the records of the courts will undergo most careful scrutiny, and every nook and corner examined for some trace of

andsome heritage. Mr. Price is a young editor and lawyer of the State on Virginia's west, and is in a fair beginning of a promising career. He is stopping at present at No. 419 north

OLD DOMINION'S NEW STEAMER.

Expected to Be Launched at Chester,

Captain John M. Mayer, of the Old Do minion Steamship Company, speaking of the splendid liner that company has now in course of construction, at Chester, launched about the middle of April. He remarked that work upon it was progressing very satisfactorily. The Pilot, a monthly publication, issued by the passenger department of the company, in one of its recent Nos., had

"The contract was awarded to the Delaware-River Iron Ship-Building and Engine-Works, under the terms of which, if the vessel is not completed and delivered to the company by the 1st day of August next, the builders will forfeit 100 per day for every day she is delayed after that date. On the other hand, if she is delivered to the company before the lat of August, the builders will receive \$100 per day for every day she is

"In general character and type this steamer is to be the same as the Jamestown and Yorktown, but is to be increased in length 4 feet, in width 2 feet, and in depth 1 foot. She will have increased passenger accommodations, and all the large rooms in the main saloon will have wide beds, while the upper berth is arranged to close up, like those on Pullman-cars. There will be a large She will have slightly increased power, guaranteeing her the same speed as the Jamestown and Yorktown, and will have all modern improvements; in fact, be another Jamestown and Yorktown improved, having increased freight ca-

AINSLIE WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Company B, of the Blues, Still

Without a Captain. Captain George Ainsile will not accept the captaincy of Company B, of the Blues' Battalion. He arrived at this determination yesterday, and at once communi cated his declination to First-Lieutenant George W. Pegram, who will lay it before the company at their regular weekly meeting to-night.

Captain Ainslie was elected by the company to succeed Captain J. Clements Shafer, that gentleman having succeeded Captain Ainslie about two years ago. He was unanimously called to his old command, and took the matter under advesterday, when he concluded not to re-

Captain Ainslie was seen by a Dispatch nan last night and asked concerning the letter he had written Lieutenant Pegram, but he declined to discuss it, asserting that Mr. Pegram was the proper person to make known the contents of that letter The epistle will not, however, be given our until it is laid before the company.

The company will now have to elect

another captain, and it is probable that either Mr. Pegram or Second-Lieutenant W. S. P. Mayo will be selected. Mr. Pegram, it is understood, has been approached and asked to accept the cap-taincy, but was forced to decline because of business reasons. The company will, therefore, have to go over his head, and

The city ambulance, in charge of Dr. Lyne, was called at 5:45 o'clock yester-Lyne, was called at 5:45 o'clock yester-day afternoon to Brook avenue and Baker street, where James Gentry (col-ored), while taking down an awning, fell heavily to the ground. Both bones in his left forearm were broken, and he was shaken up generally. He was re-moved to the almshouse and given proper attention. Under the auspices of the Virginia Hos- attention.

GRAND LODGE MEETS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS IN ANNUAL

SESSION IN RICHMOND. CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS DONE.

Reports of the Grand Officers Submitted and Read and the Code of Special Statutes Made a Special Order for To-Day.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, convened in Lee Camp building last night, and the body will remain in session until to-morrow afternoon, three sessions being held to-day.

The meeting was very largely attended, and all the officers were present, as foilows: W. E. Garrett, Leesburg, Past Grand Chancellor; Harry Wooding, Danville, Grand Chancellor; H. M. Darnell, Roanoke, Grand Vice-Chancellor; W. T. Lithgow, Manchester, Prelate; W. A. Edwards, Norfolk, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; T. L. Courtney, Richmond, Grand Master of Exchequer; M. L. Waiton, Woodstock, Grand Master at Arms; Robert Catlett, Lexington, Grand Inside Guard; C. T. Bland, Portsmouth, Grand Outside Guard; D. J. Turner and D. C. Richardson, Supreme Representatives.

A majority of the lodges in Virginia were present by representation, and as seon as all were gotten within the lodgeroom the Grand Chancellor appointed Messrs. W. C. Carrington, J. H. Schmidt, William Simpson, N. Paulson, and H. Hawkins as a Committee on Credentials. HE WAS INSTALLED.

While this committee was out, Mr. H. M. Darnall, who was absent when he was elected Grand Vice-Chancellor last year, was inducted into office by Supreme-Representative Turner.

The committee reported the names of

representatives and members of the grand body present as published in Sunday's Dispatch, and also gave the names of the past chancellors and Grand-Lodge candidates; whereupon the rank was conferred on those entitled to it.

STANDING COMMITTEES. This being concluded, the Grand Chancellor appointed the following standing

State of the Order-W. S. Morris, No. 9; E. M. Crump, No. 4; W. P. Gunn, No. 87; J. A. Stout, No. 62; M. W. Magruder,

No. 75.
Finance and Mileage—E. L. Cunning-ham, No. 45; J. E. Caldwell, No. 64; Ed. N. Eubank, No. 72; J. W. Gordon, No. 74; H. Schneider, No. 65. Law and Supervision—W. H. May, No. 6; H. I. Lewis, No. 59; W. DeSylvia, No. 5; W. J. Points, No. 31; R. A. Hughes,

Appeals and Grievances-W. M. Peyton

No. 83; J. W. Erffort, No. 81; R. H. Rawls, No. 50; J. B. Barco, No. 10; J. l. Morgan, No. 47. Dispensation and Charities-E. R. Boyer,

No. 3; J. D. Pendleton, No. 11; James H. Spencer, No. 66; S. F. Montague, No. 16 R. Casson, No. 70 C. R. Casson, No. 69.
Uniform Rank—D. J. Turner, No. 24;
W. A. Harper, No. 32; J. H. Robinson;
No. 22; W. T. Mayo, No. 80; W. W.

Endowment Rank-W. E. Eanett, No. 32; James H. Bowney, No. 57; S. W. Burnett, No. 52; W. H. Colhoun, No. 83; C.

E. Eames, No. 30.
Memoirs—J. F. Burns, No. 23; Conrad Gunn, No. 63; W. L. Dolly, No. 85; J. W. Tanhard, No. 71; R. W. Winbourne, At this juncture, the following telegram

"Hampton, Va., February 16, 1897.

"Harry Wooding, Grand Councellor:
"Kecoughtan Lodge, No. 29, in session, sends fraternal greeting to Grand Lodge." GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS.

This was received with marked approval, after which the grand officers submitted their reports. The Grand of the order in general, and called and Uniform ranks, and the Hines me-

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seals reported seventy lodges in good standing and condition in the State, His report shows that during the year two lodges have been revived; one has sur-rendered, and one has been instituted. The report of the Grand Master of Ex-chequer showed that there was a balance of \$2,648.20 on hand in the treasury. The amount on hand for the Rathbone memorial fund is \$52.70, and the amount to the credit of the Hines memorial fund is

TO CONFER THE THIRD.

These reports were referred to a committee for distribution. A request from Damon Lodge, No. 7, for pemission to confer the third rank on a candidate before the Grand Lodge was received and granted, and 9 o'clock last night was

The committee appointed to prepare a code of Grand-Lodge statutes for the government of the order in Virginia submitted its report, which was read by its title a first and second time, and made a special order for to-day at 11 o'clock. The lodge then adjourned, to meet this morning at 10 o'clock. Supreme-Chancellor Philip F. T. Col-

grove, of Michigan, will be here to-mor-row morning at 8 o'clock, and will visit the Grand Lodge before its final ad-

The majority of delegates to the Grand Lodge are stopping at the Lexington,

PRETTY WEDDING AT ST. JOHN'S.

Bride of Mr. William Briel.

The marriage of Mr. William P. Briel, of this city, to Miss Mamie Catherine Thorpe, of Dumbarton, was solemnized at St. John's German Lutheran church at 6:15 o'clock yesterday evening. The church was filled with the relatives and friends of the bride and groom, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Paul Menzel. Professor John Baseler presided at the organ and played, besides the regulation wedding marches, a number of pretty airs.

The bride entered the church on the arm of the groom, preceded by the ushers, who were Messrs. Theodore Keck, Charles Keck, W. C. Schaff, Ernest Cosby, O. R. Kasten, and Frank Bell. The bride was dressed in a well-fitting costume of gray cloth, with hat and gloves of the same shade, and carried a arge bouquet of pink roses.
Immediately after the ceremony the

happy pair drove to Byrd-street station and took the train for Washington, where the honeymoon will be spent. after which Mr. and Mrs. Briel will take up their residence on west Clay street.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: D. W. Green's trustees to Dr. Virginius W. Harrison, Thomas E. Nimmo, and Julia E. Mitchell, 25 feet on east side Eighteenth street between Clay

W. M. Justis and wife to H. A. Mc-lurdy, trustee, 51-2 feet on south side Marshall street, 101 3-4 feet east of

Thirty-fourth, \$108.13.

Fred. S. Myers and wife to E. Raab, 41 feet on north side Main street, \$21-6 feet east of Foushee, \$4,500.

Ritta A. Penton to W. J. Penton, 40 feet on west side Twenty-second street, 124 feet north of Marshall street, running back to Church Hill avenue, subject to deed of trust for \$1,000, \$5.

W. C. Preston, special commissioner, to Home Building Company, 60 feet on Grace street, northeast corner Shafer, 100 feet on Marshall street, northwest cor-ner Norton, and 21 feet on west side Nor-

H. wife of E. H. Easley, 50 feet on east side Georgia avenue, 50 feet south of New York avenue, \$1,860.

James B. Harvie's trustee to S. H. Chaffin, 99 feet on Meadow street, south-east corner New York avenue, \$2,652.15.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES. Dr. Hatcher's Address to the Stu-

dents of Denison University. The Denisonian, published under the direction of the faculty of Denison University, at Granville. O., in its report of the observance of the day of prayer for colleges, gays; "Dr. Hatcher, who has so ably and suc-

cessfully conducted the special meetings in the village during the last few weeks, was in charge, and, contrary to the usual custom, did not deliver a sermon, but instead gave an address upon the "Day of Prayer and Its Relation to the Ameri-can Colleges." The speaker began by citing the many dangers incident to college life, demonstrating the necessity for prayer. He continued by dividing the subjects for prayer into three classes— First, we should pray for a better equip-ment of our denominational schools. State and secular schools each have their advantages, yet the sectarian college needed. A college is the hollest thing we have, and so we should be seech God to supply the many needs. Second, we should pray for teachers. There is no more responsibility than at the desk. Teachers ought to know by what authority they speak. They should possess three special gifts—Natural talent, the art of teaching and the grace of teaching. Third, ers should be offered that the man which passes through college may get back home in good shape. This is all important. A college should feel unhappy long as there is one within its border.

"At the conclusion of the address those who had been converted during the meet-ings, as well as those who have been reforward and grasped the Doctor by the hand. It was truly a touching sight as forty-three young men and many young ladles testified to the saving power of

MR. AND MRS, GRONER HERE.

They Arrived in the City Last Eve-

ning-Mr. Pace's Welcome. The Chesapeake and Ohio fast train from Washington to Old Point, which pulled into the depot here last evening at 7:45 o'clock, had abroad of it a young couple, who entered the Jefferson 'bus and were driven directly to that hostelry. Walking up to the desk, the gentleman grasped the pen extended him by Clerk Booker, and wrote, in a bold hand, on the register, "Robert Groner and wife, Norfolk, Va."

Many of the people lounging about the hotel office had recognized the young lady and gentleman as the couple who as told in yesterday's Dispatch, were married in Washington on Monday, and mediately they were the cynosure of

all eyes. They were assigned to Bridal Suite No. 148, on the first bedroom floor, immediately over the library, on the Franklin- and Jefferson-street fronts. To these apartments they repaired, and in a short time they were called upon by Mr. James B. Pace, father of the bride, who met them pleasantly, welcomed them back, and told them to make their home with him and to be there for breakfast in the

Mr. and Mrs. Groner declined to see a reporter, and, after the departure of Mr. Pace, did not leave their apartments, Mr. Pace said, when seen by a Dispatch man, that the couple had as yet made absolutely no plans for the future.

NEED A NEW BUILDING.

This Matter Considered in Connection with Woman's College.

held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon, and spent several hours talking submitted their reports. The Grand noon, and spent several hours talking a negro farm hand of that gentlefellowing resolutions adopted by the Bap-tist Pastors' Conference were read, very fully discussed, and referred to a com-mittee to report at a special meeting to

be held in March:
1. Resolved. That this conference do hereby beg to express to the Board of Trustees of the Woman's College of this city our sincere appreciation of the worth of the college, and our admiration of the very thorough work that the institution is doing, and that we assure the trustees of our hearty sympathy with them, and of our purpose as conference and as pastors to earnestto enlarge the college, and place it upon a high and permanent footing.

2. That we modestly ask the trustees

to take into consideration the subject of establishing in the coilege scholarships, or a student's aid fund, to be used in assisting worthy young women in gaining higher education.

 That looking to the future and realizing the profound need of a great woman's college in the South, we earnwoman's college in the South, we earn-estly call the attention of the trustees to the question of the removal of the college at an early date to some other portion of the city, where ample grounds may be had and such buildings erected as shall be worthy of the first institution for female education in the South.

Receives His Father's Diploma. Mr. F. B. Robertson was presented last night, under interesting and somewhat unusual circumstances, with a diploma which had formerly belonged to

his father.

The presentation was made by a party of gentlemen who called on Mr. Robertson at his store. Mr. J. J. Sutton was elected chairman, and Captain John A. Booker was called upon to explain the objects of the visit, and Captain Henry Owens to make the presentation speech. Mr. Robertson responded most feeling terms, and Colonel E. Stratton and Captain Thomas Pollard

The Minstrels at the Academy.

Messrs. Primrose & West's minstrels appeared at the Academy last night before a large audience. The combination this year is better than ever before, and many novel and clever features were introduced. The minstrel first part is a decided improvement on last year's exhibition, and the olio of specialties is exceptionally strong and pleasing. Loie Fuller, the greatest living inventor

and producer of marvellous dances, will give one of her remarkable performances here on Friday night and at a matinee on

at the Associated Hospitals' bazaar, were stolen from the Armory some time be-tween Monday night and Tuesday morn-ing. The cases were left in the tobacco booth on Monday night when the stall was being decorated and laid out, but had disappeared when the ladies resumed their labors yesterday morning.

Rev. Dr. Wright Improving. Rev. Dr. W. L. Wright, of Leigh-Street Baptist church, who has been quite sick for two months, was able to come up-town yesterday for the first time. He is greatly improved, and purposes leav-ing in two weeks to spend the remainder of the winter farther South

of the winter farther South.

Mr. and Mrs. Jedediah Bobbin's Announcement. feet on Marshall street, northwest corner Norton, and 21 feet on west side Norton street, 132 2-3 feet from Marshall street, 120,256.

Walter H. Ryland, trustee, to Thomas O'Gorman, 30 feet on south side Nicholson of menne and maydens will syng and O'Brien, at New River, in this county,

Street, 622 1-2 feet west of Hopkins, \$67.50.

Robert Wendenburg's trustee to Jacob Stoneman, 79 feet on east side Tweiftia street, 94 feet south of Broad street, 44,800.

Henrico: R. L. Gill's trustee to Kate H., wife of E. H. Farley, 70 feet on east line of ve mysick shell commence at 8

congregashun with some of ye least harmful worldlie songes.

For as much as ye menne and womenne folks are allowed to sit together, ye Parson will have a front seat, where he will observe 'ye actions of ye menne and maydens. Undue levity and sparkin' will be mentioned from ye pulpit we coming Sabath day.

ye coming Sabbath-day.
Ye menne are beseeched not to hytch
ye horses to ye chaine in front of ye
meetyng-house door, as ye rattling of
said chain would disturb ye syngers.
Ye meetyng being ended, it is meet
and proper that ye younge menne should
see ye younge maydens to their own
doores, but no further, unless ye banns
have been cried by ye Parson. have been cried by ye Parson.

Street-Car Jumps the Track.

One of the cars of the Clay-Street line jumped the track last night about 12 o'clock at Franklin and Fifteenth streets. The car, No. 166, was on its homeward trip, and at the foot of the hill left its tracks and made an almost successful attempt to get on the tracks on the other side. The work of getting it back looked for awhile like a hopeless one, and was not effected until a car came to the rescue from the sheds. No one was hurt.

The Confederate Tea

The Confederate tea to be given at the The Confederate tea to the Commonwealth Club on Monday evening next promises to be a delightfully pleasant affair and a charming success. It will be under the auspices of the ladies of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, and tickets may be had at the book-store of Mr. George M. West, or by apply-ing to any of the ladies of the above-named society. No invitations have been issued, and none will be necessary.

MARRIAGE IN PETERSBURG.

Held on Suspicion-Not the Men Wanted.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 16 .-Special.)-Mr. Frederick Lange, a popular young citizen of Prince George, formerly of Chicago, and Miss Annie Wagner, of the same county, were married at an early hour this morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Rev. Father O Farrell officiating and celebrating the nuptial mass. Mr. Frank Wagner. brother of the bride, acted as best man and Miss Josephine Malon as maid of honor. Rev. Father Andrew, of Rich mond, came over to attend the marriage

HELD ON SUSPICION. As stated in this correspondence at the time, the residence of Mr. Joseph Volkert, a farmer residing near Port Walthall, in Chesterfield county, was rob-bed on the 5th instant of \$15 in money, a gold watch, and some jewelry. The was out in the field and his wife was temporarily absent from the house. Suspicion fell upon a stranger, named William Love, who had been stopping for several days at the house, who was in the house when Mr. and Mrs. Volkert were out, and who was missing when the robbery was discovered. Yesterday Constable Morris, of Dinwiddle, arrested man who was pedling liniment beyond tion of William Love, and telegraphed the fact to Mr. Volkert, who went out and identified the man as the stranger who stopped at his house under the name of William Love. The accused was therefore brought to town to-day, and taken before Magistrate Tucker, of Ettrick, for examination. In the absence of witnesses, the examination was con-tinued for a few days, and the prisoner was brought back to the jail in this city for safekeeping. While Mr. Volkert is positive in his identification of the man, phatically that he is guilty of the theft, and says that his name is Albert Ruby, and that his home is in Boston.

GENERAL NEWS. The Chief of Police last night received a telegram from Chief-of-Police Lips-comb, of Manchester, stating that two negroes had robbed a store in that city, and it was supposed they were making their way towards Petersburg. This morning the Chief received a telegram from the railroad agent at Swift Creek, stating that two men, thought to be the parties who committed the robbery, were carousing near that place. Chief Per-kinson, Lieutenant Chandler, and Officer Hubbard immediately started for Swift Creek, but they had not gone far before they met the two men in question. They were white men, apparently on a spree, and had shotguns with them. Manchester parties were said to be negroes, the two white men were not arrested, but they were warned not to come into town in their condition. They turned about and went back into Chesterfield Mr. C. C. Akers, who died in Richmond to-day, married Miss Flora Boisseau, of this city, a sister of Mrs. S. H. Northing and Mrs. W. R. Lambert.

In the County Court of Dinwiddle yes-terday Lane Johnson (colored) was convicted of horse-stealing and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years.

Mr. Emerich, proprietor of the Hotel
Imperial, in this city, has disposed of a
half interest in that property to Mr. R. improved and made first-class in all re-

A slight accident, causing the derall-ment of one or two freight-cars, occurred at Ivor this morning. The track was

PULASICI.

New Court-House Accepted-A Brave Boy-A Draw.

PULASKI, VA., February 16.-(Special.) The Board of Supervisors for Pulaski county met here yesterday and accepted the new court-house building, and or court at once, so as to be in condition by the March Circuit Court, which meets on the third Monday. The furni-ture of the present court-house will be used temporarily. The yard will be handsomely graded by the town and turfed by the county. The board was "hung," being evenly divided, upon receiving the jail, and the County Judge will have to decide this vexed question. The town refuses positively to accede to the demand of the county to put in steel-plated floors to the cages. If the county should Three large cases of tobacco, valued at to recover damages for its failure to do so, it is not thought that any reat the Associated Hospitals' bayear. covery can be had against the town, which has already spent on the court-house and jail, some \$25,000, or more, instead of the required \$20,000, and has furnished a jail, generally considered "safe and suitable. All our people are delighted with the prospect of using the new court-house so soon.

Judge Selden Longby has recovered from his severe attack sufficiently to at-

tend to business. AN OBJECT LESSON.

J. C. Wysor, Esq., of Newbern, has purchased the old Robert Martin resi-dence and 100 acres attached on the suburbs of Pulaski, from the Pulaski Land and Improvement Company, and will make it his home. This is very valu-able property, but owing to the scarcity of money brought only \$5,000 cash—another object lesson of McKinley prosperity.

I. E. Moore, Esq., has purchased of the same company some thirty or forty acres of the same farm, and expects to

by ye clocke, when ye teecher will begin to mark ye time for ye skollers. Certain well favored younge menne will show ye congregation to comfortable systings, and ye who do come first will find ye best seats, unless such aforesaid seats have been preserved by ye comely youth at ye box-office.

Divers goodlie menne and maydens, in ye olden time dresses, will entertayne ye congregashun with some of ye least harmful worldlie some

any charitable person would do well to send Mr. Hudson something to help this brave little fellow.

LOCAL OPTION. There is talk of an effort to secure an election in the spring or summer in Pulaski county on the question of liquor license or no license.

Robert S. Karr, of Bluefield, W. Va., is visiting Pulaski, in order to take advantage of the Crabtres natural car-

bonated mineral waters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bibb, and daughter, of Rich Hill, passed through Pulaski Sunday on their return home from a visit to Mr. Bibb's former home in Nel-

son county.

Dora furnace went into blast again last week, and is now "O. K. Burglars entered the residence of Major W. F. Nicholson last week, but Mr. Penn Nicholson scared them off with

his pistol. The Pulaski Whist Club and the Radford Whist Club played a match game at the Maple Shade Inn. The home club was ignominiously defeated by the ex-pert Radford invaders, after which the victors and vanquished made a united

LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

who is exciting much interest. He had an arm and both less cut off by a railroad train a few years ago, but the little feilow crawls to school and is doing his best to get an education.

County-SuperIntendent-of-Schools W.

M. Perkins, has issued a paties to the

FOR UNDERGROUND WIRES.

Norfolk's Special Council Committee Favor It.

NORFOLK, VA., February 16 .- (Special.) Norfolk is to have underground wires within the next six months. The special Council committee having the matter under consideration to-night adopted the following report:

"The special committee on placing over-head wires in underground conduits beganeed wires in underground conduits begat to submit to the Council the accompany-ing ordinance, which they report for adoption, and beg leave to state that whereas the resolution under which the committee was appointed provided the placing of all overhead wires in under-ground conduits, they would respectfully report that it was not thought feasible nor practicable to place electric-light of trolley wires underground. light wires being of high tension necessitate separate conduits, thereby en tailing great expense to the company, as because the low condition of the ground in certain sections of the city would no admit the placing of the trolley wires underground. The committee requires the electric wires to be covered with durable water-proof insulation of not less than two coatings, which will greatly lessen any danger to life or limb.

A Toronto Fire. TORONTO, ONT., February 16 .- The

large wholesale and retail establishm port Radford invaders, after which the victors and vanquished made a united attack upon a good supper prepared by ing. Loss, \$70,000; insurance, \$50,000.

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INSURANCE STATEMENT. [PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.]

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA. ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER SL 1896, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY, OF TORONTO, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IX PURSUANCE OF THE

President-Hon, GEORGE A. COX. Vice-President-J. J. KENNY. Secretary-P. H. SIMS. Principal Office-TORONTO. Organized or Incorporated-FEBRUARY 13, 1833. Commenced Business-JUNE 19, 1835.

II.—ASSETS.

ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF THIS STATE, AND OF OTHER STATES, AND ALSO OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS, OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY. Par Carried Market Value, \$306,250 00 23,750 00 25,774 00 63,670 00 53,750 00 City of Columbus (O.) bonds, 4 1-2 per cent, City of London (Canada) bonds, 4 per cent. 50,000 150,000 155,493 00 40,894 00 City of Toronto (Canada) bonds, 4 per cent. City of Kingston (Canada) bonds, 41-2 40,000 23,360 00 20,000 111.80 per cent. City of Winnipeg (Canada) bonds, 5 per 20,000 111.20 22,240 00 City of Brooklyn (N. Y.) bonds, 31-2 per City of Riverside (Cal.) bonds, 5 per cent. City of Colorado Springs (Col.) bonds, City of Colorado Springs (Col.) bonds, 5 per cent.

New York and West Shore first mortgage bonds, 4 per cent.

Central Canada L. & S. Co.'s debentures, 41-2 per cent.

Dominion of Canada stock, 4 per cent.

Toronto Electric-Light Company's bonds, 41-2 per cent. 25,000 105 26,250 00 50,000 104.75 52,375 00

4 1-2 per cent. Chicago Electric Transit Company's bonds, 27,937 50 25,000 111.75 6 per cent.

Rochester Electric Railway Company's bonds, 5 per cent.
Freehold Loan and Savings stock, 6 per cent. 25,000 108.25 27,062 50 12,000 100 12,000 00 Total par and market value (carried \$979,336 00 \$ 979,336 0 \$315,300 10,914 77

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, STATED AT THEIR ACTUAL VALUE.

and to become 19,881 27 III.-LIABILITIES. Gross claims for adjusted and

Total gross amount of claims for losses. \$109,140 65

Net amount of unpaid losses . \$109,140 65

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks, running one year or less from date of policy, including including interest premiums on perpetual fire risks, \$52,90.26; unearned premiums (50 per cent.) \$346,455 13

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks, running more than one year from date of policy, \$441,769.36; unearned premiums pro rata

Gross premiums (including both cash and bills) received and receivable upon all unexpired inland navigation risks, \$23,084.43; unearned premiums (60 per cent.)

Gross premiums (cash and bills) received and receivable on all unexpired marine risks. \$5,162.50 expired marine risks 5,162 50

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL LIABILITIES. INCLUDING PAID-UP CAPITAL STOCK AND NET SURPLUS IV.—RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR. Marine and Fire. Inland. newed during the year 1,228,715 42 197,248 18

Entire premiums collected during the year \$1,221,276 63 \$183,613 05
Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement, 259,642 43 41,225 84
and return premiums \$259,642 43 41,225 84

Net cash actually received for premiums. \$961,733 20 \$142,587 21 1,104,120 ft
Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, collateral loans, and from all other sources \$25,145 62 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS ACTUALLY RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR IN CASH

V.-DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR. Marine and Fire. Inland. Gross amount actually paid for losses (in-cluding \$168,774.23, losses occurring in pre-

tal deduction 16,708 56 69,982 55 Net amount paid during the year for losses \$268,392.64 \$174,850.89 740,245.63 Paid for commission or brokerage Paid for salaries, fees, and all other charges of officers, clerks, agents, and all other employees Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States Paid for St

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR:
Fire Risks.
\$89,490 (d) Risks written \$250, 439 00 Premiums received (gross) 14,09 44 Losses paid 5,703 25 Losses incurred 5,035 63

Seal of the Corporation. J. J. KENNY. Vice-President, P. H. SIMS, Secretary.

JULIUS STRAUS & SON, Agents,

Dominion of Canada, Province of Ontario, City of Toronto—ss.: Sworn to January 25, 1897, before H. D. GAMBLE, Notary Public.

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